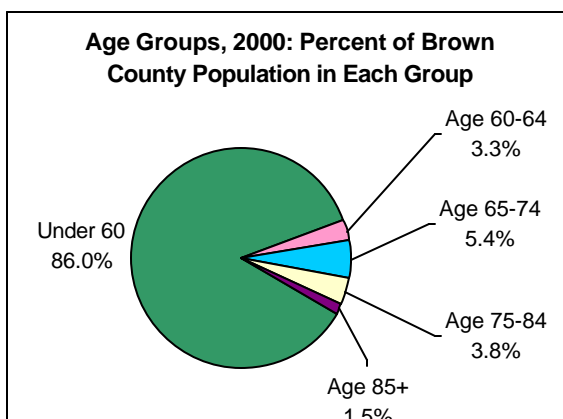

Brown County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Brown County is lower than that of the state as a whole (10.7% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (15.3% versus 7.9%). In all, 24,214 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 3,333 of these are age 85 or older. Brown County's average (or median) age is 34.2 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Brown County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	226,778		194,594		32,184	16.5%
Persons 60 and over	31,730	14.0%	28,077	14.4%	3,653	13.0%
Persons 65 and over	24,214	10.7%	21,007	10.8%	3,207	15.3%
Persons 85 and over	3,333	1.5%	2,299	1.2%	1,034	45.0%



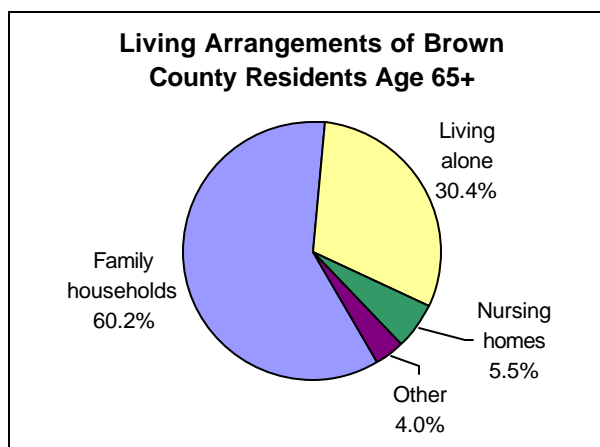
Race:

A large majority (97.9%) of Brown County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Brown County African Americans have a median age of 23.8 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.5 years. Whites, in contrast, average 35.6 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 87,295 households in Brown County, 16,450 include at least one person age 65 or older (18.8% of all households). A total of 15,481 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 72.2% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 30.4% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.7% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 1,321 people age 65 and older live in Brown County nursing homes (5.5% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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